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JFK SLAYING PLOT 'SOLVED,' SAYS D.A.

Promises to 'Arrest All'

NEW ORLEANS—(UPI)—District Attorney Jim Garrison said today he has solved the assassination of President Kennedy and will arrest every individual involved.

Asked when arrests could be expected, he said:

"Thirty or 40 years. I am not saying that to be facetious, but we don't want to alert anyone that we are going to arrest, so there might be a repeat of what happened to David W. Ferrie."

Garrison made the startling statement on his way to a meeting with a group of local businessmen who said they will finance Garrison's investigation of a conspiracy hatched in New Orleans to kill the President.

3-MONTH PROBE

Garrison revealed less than a week ago he had been investigating the conspiracy for three months.

He promised arrests, charges and convictions.

Two days ago, the body of Ferrie — a man Garrison said was deeply involved in the conspiracy — was found in his apartment. Garrison said Ferrie killed himself and repeated his belief today.

However, Orleans Parish (county) Coroner Nicholas Chetta said less than an hour earlier it appeared Ferrie died a natural death.

Chetta ruled out violent murder and said there was no evidence of death-dealing chemicals or poisons in Ferrie's body.

SET UP FUND

A group of businessmen headed by oilman Joseph Rault Jr. and automobile

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dealer Willard E. Robertson met at noon to set up a fund to pay for Garrison's probe.

Garrison said earlier in the week he would have to find another method of financing the investigation because records of his spending were public and newspapers were revealing them.

The businessmen who rallied to finance Garrison's campaign were planning to pledge at least $100 each, and possibly much more.

"If you are going to back up a man, you ought to back him to the hilt," Robertson said. "There are no pledges yet, but there will be."

He said his group might also take up money for a reward to somebody giving substantial information on the alleged plot in New Orleans to kill Kennedy.

"Any citizen that has information — he ought to come forward," Robertson said.

Ferrie, a pilot, was found dead in bed Wednesday. He was a central figure in Garrison's current investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Ferrie had consistently denied ever knowing Lee Harvey Oswald — named by the Warren Commission as Kennedy's assassin.